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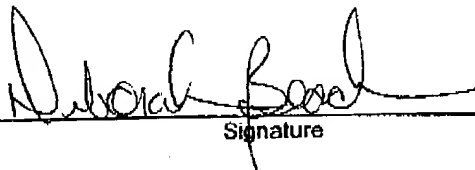
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For: GOODS DEALING APPARATUS, GOODS,
DEALING SYSTEM, GOODS DEALING
METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM

Examiner: E. L. Gort

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 23, 2004, applicant hereby provisionally elect Group II, claims 1, 47-58, 69 and 70 for continued examination, with traverse.

The Examiner has required restriction between:

Group I, claims 59-68, drawn to a method for concluding a plurality of deals/buying and selling goods/dealing goods; and

Group II, claims 1, 47-58, 69 and 70, drawn to an apparatus, system and storage medium for concluding a plurality of deals/buying and selling goods/dealing goods.

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The Commissioner may require restriction if two or more independent and distinct inventions are claimed in a single application (37 CFR 1.142(a)). In the present case, although the claimed subject matter may be classified in different classes, the inventions are not independent. The claims recite the fact that both buyers and sellers have terminal devices which supply information for making a sale of goods. An examination of one set of claims will require a search in the classes common to both sides of claims.

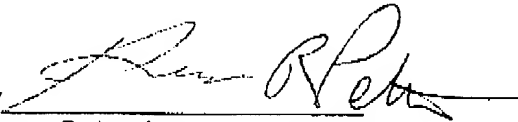
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